

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 12, 24, and 27 to read:

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1. A hair cosmetic composition comprising a fixative effective amount of xanthan gum, wherein the composition has a high humidity curl retention of at least about 80%.

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12. The composition of claim 1 characterized by a viscosity of at least about 8000 cps, and a turbidity of no more than about 100 NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units).

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24. A hair cosmetic composition, wherein the fixative consists essentially of a xanthan gum and the high humidity curl retention is at least about 80%.

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27. The composition of claim 24 characterized by a viscosity of at least about 8000 cps, and a turbidity of no more than about 100 NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units).

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-28 were pending.

Claims 1-11 and 13-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sajic, et al. (US 6,017,860).

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-11, 15, and 18-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 11-236310.

Claims 5, 6, and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11-236310.

Claims 1-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11-236310 in view of Sajic, et al. (US 6,017,860).

Claims 24-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11-236310 in combination with Sajic, et al. (US 6,017,860) in view of Bhatt, et al. (US 6,113,881).